

These or other questions will not be decided now but will be decided on the basis of some of the decisions that will be taking place on Tuesday and Wednesday and particularly on what happens to the French forces -- air and ground forces -- in Germany.

Mr. John Walker: Sir, you mentioned that some sort of decision was possible on the removal of the NATO Council next week. If the American view were to prevail, do you think that this might influence General de Gaulle in his talks with Russia?

Mr. Martin: I do not think that that would be a factor. The American position on this has been reported to the press. I think it is too early yet to say what the final positions on this question really are, but I have indicated how we feel. I think that, if it has been possible for the Military Committee to be in Washington all these years and for the Council to be in Paris, there should be no great military inconvenience in having SHAPE separated from the Council. However, I could be wrong in this but this is my present view, and it would seem to me that France might feel that it would have a closer contact with the alliance, if the political organ of NATO were to stay in Paris. This is a matter that some countries feel as strongly about, as I do, but it is not an irrevocable position. It is a question we shall have to decide one way or the other, I am sure, at this next meeting -- either to stay in France or to go wherever SHAPE goes. It could be that the new host country might insist that it is not prepared to accept one without the other. This would be a very important consideration, if that position were taken by any of the potential host countries.

Mr. Hillary Brigstocke: Could you see London as a possible location for SHAPE?

Mr. Martin: London is, of course, a very agreeable place for most things as far as Canada is concerned. I should think that, in the context of NATO, London was not a satisfactory place.

Mr. Walker: Have you anything special to put forward in these discussions between Greece and Turkey on Cyprus?

Mr. Martin: Yes. We shall have some discussions with Greece and Turkey, particularly with regard to the matter of mutual aid, and also with regard to some developments in Cyprus. The Cyprus force will terminate, or rather its mandate will conclude on June 26 next, unless renewed. There is to be a meeting of the Security Council on June 16, and we shall naturally be giving consideration to this matter, and it is in this context that I shall be having some discussions with representatives of the Greek and Turkish Governments, and it is rather helpful that it has been announced that the Foreign Ministers of Greece and Turkey are going to carry on discussions with regard to Cyprus in Brussels on June 9 next, following the discussions that the Government of Cyprus has had with the Government of Greece on the same matter only within the past few days.